

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary
Youth Activities/ Camp Trotter BULLETIN
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UNWAVERING SUPPORT



FOR UNCOMMON HEROES

National Theme: Soaring Above & Beyond

Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service

Youth Activities November

It is a time that brings about Thanksgiving and brings to a forefront to verbalize our thanks for many different things like our families, health, jobs, friends etc. We all should take a pause and be "THANKFUL" not only to the veterans that got us into this organization but all Veterans & current service men and women. We need to carry this feeling all throughout the year not just a certain day or time of the year and that is what we need to be teaching our youth. Pride, Respect, Honor and even privilege, these things are what we as Auxiliary members should and need to be teaching and working with our youth on. By teaching and working with them on Patriotism and Americanism and how our veterans have fought, strived and sacrificed it can help teach them also to be "THANKFUL" that they have the right to hang out with friends, go to malls, dress certain ways, The Youth must understand that these things they take for granted have been hard battles that have been fought and won at great expense sometimes but without those Veterans to give "thanks" to they might not even have those choices.

Camp Trotter

Camp has been around many years, and I know many children are "Thankful" they got to go there. For some it's their only camp type experience they have gotten because of generous auxiliaries sending kids or donating to the scholarship fund. As a child I got to go to a girl scout camp once and had a great time so when I had a child old enough to go away there was Camp Trotter but as a single mom, I could not afford it but thanks to my auxiliary they sent her. And I am grateful they did (even though she had a rough time with a spider bite). I am personally "THANKFUL" for the times I got to sleepover at camp for officer/chairman trainings and as Jr. Girls Chairman. Some of my strongest and longest VFW Friendships have come from these times at Camp. So even though its winter months now and Camp Trotter and summer is far off please continue to support, donate and be "Thankful" this Department has a children's camp where we can send them and let them just be kids for a week and hopefully also make lifetime friendships.

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